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POSTPONED ANNUAL MEETING.

Minutes of the postponed annual meeting of the Florida Historical Society held in the room of the Society, Public Library, Jacksonville, Fla., Tuesday, November 17th, 1908, at 4 o'clock p. m. pursuant to former meeting.

PRESENT—Rt. Rev. E. G. Weed, Dexter Hunter, Rev. V. W. Shields, Henry Robinson, Philip Walter, C. D. Rinehart, W. B. Clarkson, G. B. Utley, and Chas. S. Adams, Secretary.

Secretary Adams, in the absence of Gov. F. P. Fleming, President, on account of illness, called the meeting to order and upon motion G. B. Utley, was elected chairman.

Secretary Adams presented a brief report of the work of the Society during the year which was accepted, approved and ordered spread upon the Minutes, and is as follows:

“November 16th, 1908.

Gentlemen of the Florida Historical Society:

On account of the illness and absence of Gov. F. P. Fleming, President of the Society, the undersigned, as Secretary and Treasurer, will briefly outline some progress made by the Society during the past year.

At the time of our last meeting there was a small balance in the treasury. We have largely added to our membership and the balance in the bank at present is \$160.17, against which, however, must be considered the expense of the quarterly magazine recently issued.

After much discussion the Directors decided to begin a modest quarterly publication in order to preserve data of historical importance and interest to our members, and also as a means of building up the membership of the Society. Three issues have appeared during the year. The credit for the first two Quarterlies is due to Gov. Fleming, our honored President, who devoted a good deal of his time to this purpose. The last issue was

published through the efforts of one or two members who understood the work after Governor Fleming became too ill to give it his attention. In this connection I would suggest that it would be well for the members of the Society to elect some capable member as editor of the Quarterly, or refer the matter to the Board of Directors with power to act. It is quite possible that none of the officers or directors of the Society would have the necessary qualifications for the editorship of the publication, and the duties incumbent upon the active officers are sufficient to employ all of the time these gentlemen can usually devote to the Society. The Society is indebted for the services of several persons who have contributed articles to the Quarterly, and no doubt many others interested in and familiar with the early history of the State or closely associated with prominent men of the past and at the present time, could be induced to render very valuable assistance to the editor of the Quarterly by contributions.

The membership of the Society has been largely increased by an arrangement with the publishers of the *Makers of America*, whereby a membership in the Historical Society was attached to the subscription to their well known biographical work, to which attention was called by President Fleming at the last annual meeting. A certain commission was allowed for such memberships during the first year, and the members added by the publishers were all citizens of the state whom we were glad to welcome.

A number of donations of relics, books, maps and other contributions have been received during the last year, and have been acknowledged in the several issues of the Quarterly.

After the directors decided to publish the Quarterly it was found necessary for financial reasons to discontinue the services of a librarian, and we have been unable to keep the rooms of the Society open to the general public.

With great regret I beg leave to remind the members present of the death of Hon. Geo. W. Wilson, who has

contributed much to the Society as an official, and of Captain D. E. Maxwell, a comparatively new member.

I think I can say that the interest in the objects and purposes of the Historical Society has increased slowly and the publication of the Quarterly is an advantage in this respect especially, and should be continued.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. S. ADAMS,
Secretary and Treasurer.

Treasurer Adams presented a report of the financial condition of the Society which was accepted, approved and ordered spread upon the Minutes and is as follows:

"November 16th, 1908.

Gov. F. P. Fleming,
President of Florida Historical Society,
City.

DEAR SIR:—I beg to submit my books as treasurer of the Florida Historical Society, during the past year for audit, and an examination of the books will show moneys collected and bills paid upon your approval, as follows:

RECEIPTS.

Balance in Bank.....	\$ 86.79
Dues of members.....	235.00
Dues less commission.....	62.00
Copies Quarterly.....	15.00

\$398.79

EXPENDITURES.

Quarterlies, April and July..	\$117.91
Librarian	60.00
Janitor	24.00
Stationery, postage, etc.....	20.55
Books, maps, framing, etc..	16.16

238.62

Balance in Bank.....

\$160.17

Upon motion the chair was requested to appoint a Committee of Resolutions and appointed on such committee, Dexter Hunter, J. C. Cooper and W. R. Carter, who reported the following resolutions prepared by the several members of the Committee, which were adopted unanimously :

“Whereas: In the death of Hon. George W. Wilson, late Editor-in-Chief of the Florida Times-Union, the Florida Historical Society has lost a most highly valued member,

Be it Resolved, that the Florida Historical Society herewith puts itself on record as greatly deploring the death of George W. Wilson, as his active and hearty co-operation, his sage advice, his enthusiasm and interest in the Society will be greatly missed.

Resolved further, that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the Society’s records, and that a copy be sent to the bereaved family.”

*Be It Resolved, First—*That the life of D. E. Maxwell was full of usefulness and service to the State of Florida.

*Second—*That in his death the State has lost the service of a highly useful and valuable citizen, and a wide circle of relatives and friends in the State must mourn the passing away of one, loyal and devoted, and filled with kindly consideration for others.

*Third—*That the deepest sympathies of this Society are especially with his immediate family in this great sorrow, and that a copy of these resolutions be transmitted to his family.

Fourth—Resolved Further that the foregoing resolutions be recorded and spread upon the proceedings and records of this Society and published as a part thereof.”

“The members of the Florida Historical Society, in annual meeting assembled, desire to express their regret at the inability of our President, ex-Governor Fleming, to be with us on this occasion.

"To him, and to a few of his personal friends, this Society owes its existence, and it is largely because of his loving service in its behalf that it has become an established institution in this community, whose future promises to be a great service to the city and the State.

"To our President, and the members of his family, we each and all extend our sincere sympathy because of his illness and our hopes for the speedy restoration of his health and his resumption of the many activities in public and private life to which he was ever faithful."

General discussion was entered into by those present as to measures to be taken to awaken interest in the people of the State in the objects and purposes of the Society and especially of securing information and contributions for the Quarterly which resulted in the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That Corresponding Secretaries be appointed in each County of the State by the President of the Society and requested to collect data and objects of interest and send the same to the Secretary.

Resolved, That the matter of the selection of an Editor for the Quarterly be referred to the Board of Directors' with power to act.

Resolved, That the Chairman appoint a committee of three to consider and act in the matter of preserving the public archives and State documents and to solicit legislative aid therefor."

The chair appointed H. H. Buckman, C. M. Cooper and C. D. Rinehart.

Upon motion the chairman and Secretary were appointed a Committee to consider action or coalition or co-operation with other Historical Societies in the State, if any existed.

Mr. Utley suggested the advisability of displaying some of the relics and objects of interest of the Society

in a proper case in the second story of the Library, and upon motion the Board of Directors were authorized to take such action provided Mr. Utley could secure necessary funds for obtaining a proper case.

The members present then proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, which resulted as follows :

Francis P. Fleming, President; Rt. Rev. E. G. Weed, 1st Vice-President; R. W. Williams, Tallahassee, Fla., 2nd Vice-President; Chas. S. Adams, Secretary and Treasurer; Fred W. Hoyt, Fernandina, Fla., W. B. Henderson, Tampa, Fla.; W. S. Keyser, Pensacola, Fla. and Geo. B. Utley, Jacksonville, as Directors.

The meeting then adjourned.

GEO. B. UTLEY,
Chairman.

ATTEST :

CHAS. S. ADAMS,
Secretary.

